

House Resolution No.

Whereas, it is truly amazing for a wedded couple to celebrate their anniversary for the sixtieth time, a blessing which is an inspiration for their loved ones and all married couples of the Show-Me State and beyond; and

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. Van Waite of Appleton City, Missouri, commemorated the spectacular occasion of their Sixtieth Wedding Anniversary on January 4, 2003, at which time they undoubtedly looked back over their lives together and reminisced about the many happy times they have shared since they pledged their eternal love to one another during a solemn wedding ceremony officiated by the Reverend Daum on January 4, 1943, in Osceola; and

Whereas, Van and Ruth Waite have had the pleasure of watching their family grow to include four daughters and four sons-in-law, Sandra and Bill Long, Linda "Skip" and Jack Mead, Betty and Gerald Stephan, and Debbie and Dean Walker; their grandchildren and their spouses, Jeff and Katie Long, Mark and Misty Long, Doug and Jennifer Mead, Darren Mead, Matt Stephan, Erin Stephan, Adam Walker, Emily Walker, and Ben Walker; and their great-grandchildren, Jenna Long, Jarrett Long, and Katelyn Mead; and

Whereas, a retired farmer who coached baseball and softball, Van Waite has compiled an impressive list of achievement that also includes playing baseball for the St. Louis Browns before serving his country as a member of the United States Armed Forces during World War II, during which time he was injured at the Battle of the Bulge; and

Whereas, Ruth Tandy Waite has distinguished herself as a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker who retired after devoting thirty years of her life to the education of this nation's young citizens; and

Whereas, members of the Methodist Church, Van and Ruth Waite truly serve as an example of the way marriage was intended to be as demonstrated by their shared commitment to understanding the feelings and opinions of each other:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously in extending our most hearty congratulations to Van and Ruth Waite upon the joyful occasion of their Sixtieth Wedding Anniversary and in wishing them nothing but health and happiness in the years to come; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. Van Waite, as a measure of our esteem for them.

Offered by _____
Representative Larry D. Wilson
District No. 119

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. ____, adopted _____, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker